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Borough Council**

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BOROUGH COUNCIL**

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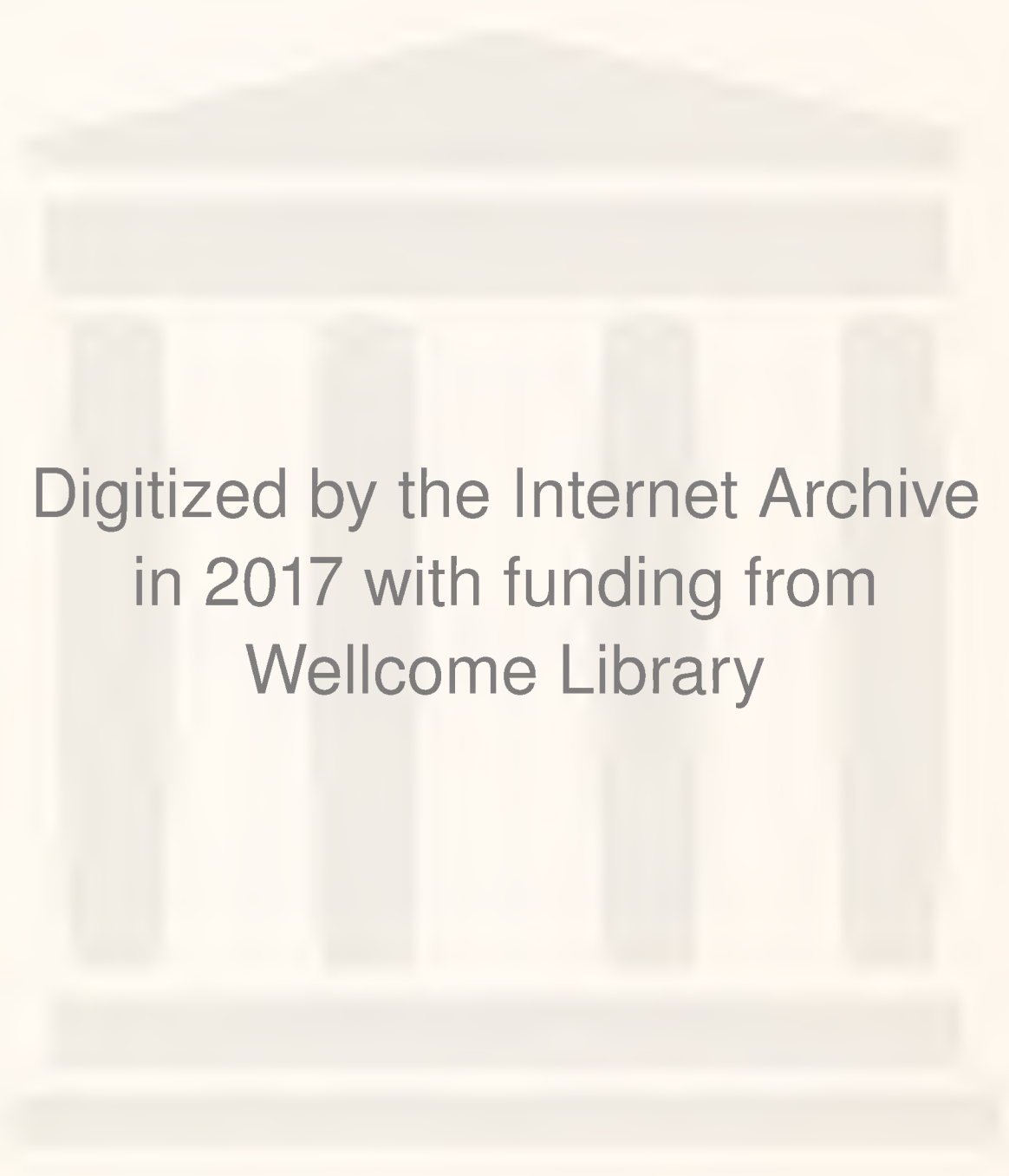
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ANNUAL REPORT of the MEDICAL OFFICER of HEALTH
for the
BOROUGH of HUNTINGDON and GODMANCHESTER
for the year ended 31st December, 1967

Mr. Mayor, Alderman and Councillors,

I have the honour to submit my Annual Report on the health and sanitary conditions of the Borough for the year ended 31st December, 1967.

Vital Statistics

Population. The steady increase in population which has been occurring since the Town Expansion Scheme began has continued during the year and approximately another thousand has been added to the estimated mid year population, bringing the figure up to almost the 15,000 mark. Since 1961, therefore, when the Boroughs of Huntingdon and Godmanchester amalgamated, the population has increased by almost 6,000.

Birth Rate. The slight downward trend in the Birth Rate which was noted last year has continued in 1967, but the rate is well above the national average.

Death Rate. Despite the increased population there were 35 fewer deaths this year compared with 1966 resulting in a considerable fall in the crude and the corrected death rates, both of which now stand well below the figure for England and Wales as a whole. Almost 70% of deaths occurred in persons of 65 years or over and above 50% in persons over 75 years. By far the greatest proportion of deaths were due to cardio-vascular disease (55%) and this was followed by malignant diseases which accounted for 23% of the mortality.

Infant Mortality. Six infants died during the year before reaching the age of 12 months, giving an infant mortality rate of 16 per 1,000 live births. This is somewhat less than last year and is now below the national average.

Infectious Disease. The outbreak of measles which began in July 1966 continued unabated until the end of May this year. Approximately 400 children aged 1–10 years were affected — 167 of them in 1966 and the remainder this year. With the proposed introduction of measles vaccination it will be interesting to observe the effect of this measure on the future incidence of the disease.

Social Conditions

Housing. Satisfactory progress with slum clearance schemes and with individual house improvements.

The waiting period for family housing has been considerably reduced and little need is found for giving medical priority.

The need now is for more accommodation suitable for the elderly.

Food Hygiene. A high standard of hygiene has been maintained and regular routine inspections of premises continued. A Royal Society of Health Course for food handlers was commenced at the Technical College. Talks on food hygiene and related matters were given to local organisations. The collection of trade refuse from food premises is not carried out with sufficient frequency.

Town Expansion. The amenities necessary for a growing population have continued to materialise slowly. There is still a need for meeting places and play areas.

Main Drainage. Pressure on required extensions reduced with the change of a large food factory to various light industries. Extensions still necessary and in hands of Consultants.

Swimming Pools. The public pool is well used by both schools and public.

Two school pools are now in operation.

In conclusion I should like to express my thanks to all members of the department's staff for the assistance they have given me and for all the work they have done during the year.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servants,

JAMES CALDWELL.

VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1967

Area	...	...	...	...	...	...	7,107 acres
Number of inhabited houses	} at 31/3/68						4,926
Rateable value of the district							£722,953
Value of penny rate							Est. £2,835
Estimated population (mid 1966)	...	...	...	...	...	...	13,830
Estimated population (mid 1967)	...	...	...	...	...	...	14,760

Live Births				Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	...	...	...	166	171	337
Illegitimate	...	...	...	14	23	37
Totals				180	194	374

Birth rate per 1,000 estimated population	...	...	25.3
Birth rate corrected by comparability factor (.78)...	...	...	19.8
Birth rate per 1,000 population (England and Wales)	...	...	17.2

Still Births				Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	...	...	...	3	2	5
Illegitimate	...	...	...	—	—	—
Totals				3	2	5

Still birth rate per 1,000 live and still births	...	...	13.4
Infant mortality rate (England and Wales)	...	...	18.3
Still birth rate per 1,000 total live and still births (England and Wales)	...	...	14.8

Deaths

Death rate per 1,000 estimated population	...	...	8.6
Death rate corrected by comparability factor (1.04)	...	...	9.0
Death rate per 1,000 estimated population (England and Wales)	...	...	11.2

Infant Mortality—Death of Infants under 1 year of age

Legitimate	...	...	6	—	6
Illegitimate	...	...	—	—	—
Totals				6	6

Infant mortality rate (Deaths of infants under 1 year per 1,000 live and still births)	...	...	16.0
Infant mortality rate (England and Wales)	...	...	18.3

Table classifying deaths under age groups

Age			Male	Female	Total
Under 4 weeks			3	—	3
4 weeks and under 1 year			3	—	3
1 and under 5 years	...	...	—	1	1
5 and under 15 years	...	...	1	2	3
15 and under 25 years	...	...	—	—	—
25 and under 35 years	...	...	—	2	2
35 and under 45 years	...	...	2	1	3
45 and under 55 years	...	...	3	1	4
55 and under 65 years	14	7	21
65 and under 75 years	15	10	25
75 year and over	25	38	63
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	Totals	...	66	62	128
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The following table indicates the trend in population, birth and death rates for the Borough over the past five years :—

			1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Population	...	...	10,700	11,480	12,770	13,830	14,760
Live Births							
Total Live Births	...		298	305	344	361	374
Crude birth rate	...		27.9	26.6	26.9	26.1	25.3
Area comparability factor		.95	.84	.81	.79	.78	
Corrected birth rate	...	26.5	22.3	21.8	20.6	19.8	
Birth rate (England and and Wales)	...	...	18.2	18.4	18.1	17.7	17.2
Deaths							
Total deaths	...	...	130	142	138	163	128
Crude death rate	...	12.1	12.4	10.8	11.8	8.7	
Area comparability factor		.69	.92	.85	1.03	1.04	
Corrected death rate	...	8.4	11.4	9.2	12.1	9.0	
Death rate (England and and Wales)	...	...	12.2	11.3	11.5	11.7	11.2

Notification of Infectious Disease during 1967

					Total cases notified
Scarlet fever	...	...	...	...	12
Whooping cough	...	...	...	...	9
Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	—
Measles	...	...	...	...	219
Acute pneumonia	...	...	...	...	2
Puerperal pyrexia	...	...	...	...	2
Typhoid fever	...	...	...	...	—
Paratyphoid fever	...	...	...	...	—
Erysipelas	...	...	...	...	—
Acute poliomyelitis	...	...	...	...	—
Infective hepatitis	...	...	...	...	—
Food poisoning	...	...	...	...	—
Dysentery	...	...	...	...	6
Total					250

CAUSES OF DEATH (Registrar General's List)

List No.	Causes	Male	Female
9.	Other infective and parasitic diseases	—	1
10.	Malignant neoplasm, stomach	4	—
11.	Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	7	1
12.	Malignant neoplasm, breast	—	1
13.	Malignant neoplasm, uterus	—	1
14.	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	3	4
15.	Leukaemia, aleukaemia	2	—
17.	Vascular lesions of nervous system	9	11
18.	Coronary disease, angina	12	12
19.	Hypertension with heart disease	1	—
20.	Other heart disease	5	7
21.	Other circulatory disease	3	11
22.	Influenza	6	4
23.	Pneumonia	1	3
24.	Bronchitis	1	—
26.	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	1	—
31.	Congenital malformations	8	3
32.	Other defined and ill-defined diseases	1	—
34.	All other accidents	2	2
35.	Suicide	—	1
Total all causes		66	62

Tuberculosis

Total number on Register at 31st December, 1967 — 62

Pulmonary — 50

Non-pulmonary — 12

Age Period				New Cases—Diagnosed				New Cases—Transfers			
				Respiratory		Non-Res.		Respiratory		Non-Res.	
				M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0	...	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1	...	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5	...	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
10	...	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15	...	...	...	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
20	...	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
25	...	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
35	...	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
45	...	...	...	1	1	—	—	—	1	—	—
55	...	...	...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
65 and upwards	...	...	...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals				3	2	—	—	—	2	—	—

No action was found to be necessary under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1952, in connection with persons suffering from Tuberculosis employed in the milk trade, or section 172 of the Public Health Act, 1936, which deals with the compulsory removal to hospital of persons suffering from tuberculosis.

**GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES
FOR THE AREA**

(a) Laboratory Facilities

The following Laboratory facilities have been available to the Authority and to General Practitioners in the area : —

Public Health Laboratory, Tennis Court Road, Cambridge
(Tel : Cambridge 55526).

Public Analyst (S. Greenburgh, Ph.D., B.Sc., F.I.C.), Tennison Road, Cambridge (Tel : Cambridge 2097).

(b) Ambulance Service

Ambulances administered by the County Ambulance Service operating in conjunction with the County Fire Service have been available on doctor's orders. (Tel : Huntingdon 3348)

(c) Home Nursing

Nurse/Midwives employed and supervised by the Huntingdon and Peterborough County Council carried out home nursing and attended maternity cases within the Borough.

(d) Clinic and Treatment Centres

(i) The following Health Services were provided by the Huntingdon and Peterborough County Council : —

Clinic	Patients seen	When held	Where held
Minor Ailments	Schoolchildren	Every Monday 9.30—10.30 a.m.	Health Centre, Nursery Road, Huntingdon.
Infant Welfare	Children (0—5 years)	Every Tuesday and Thursday 2—4 p.m. 2nd & 4th Wednesday in month 2—4 p.m.	ditto Health Clinic, St. Annes Lane, Godmanchester
Dental	Pre-school and Schoolchildren, Pre-natal and Nursing mothers	Every Tuesday 9—12 noon, 1.30—4.30 p.m. Every Saturday 9—12 noon.	Health Centre, Nursery Road, Huntingdon.

(ii) The following Health Services were provided by the Regional Hospital Board : —

Clinic	Patients seen	When held	Where held
Chest	All ages	Every Thursday 10—12 noon.	County H'pital, Huntingdon.
Venereal Disease	All cases	Tuesday 3—6.30 p.m. Thursday 4—6.30 p.m.	Addenbrookes Hospital, Cambridge.
	Males	Monday 4.30—6.30 p.m. Tuesday 5.30—7 p.m.	Out-Patient Department, Memorial
	Females and Children	Tuesday 10.30— 12.30 p.m. Thursday 4.30— 6.30 p.m.	Hospital, Peterborough.
Orthopaedic	Pre-school and Schoolchildren	2nd and 4th Tuesday 10—12 noon. (Surgeons by appointment).	Health Centre, Nursery Road, Huntingdon.

(iii) The following service is provided under the Supplementary Ophthalmic Scheme of the National Health Service : —

Clinic	Patients seen	When held	Where held
Ophthalmic	Pre-school and Schoolchildren	By appointment.	Health Clinic, Nursery Road, Huntingdon.

Medical, Surgical, Orthopaedic, Paediatric, Skin, Obstetrical, Gynaecological and Dental Out-Patients Clinics are held at the County Hospital, Huntingdon and Addenbrookes Hospital, Cambridge, to which General Practitioners can refer their patients for specialist investigation.

(e) Hospital Services

Fever. Cases of Infectious Disease requiring hospital treatment are admitted to isolation hospital at Cambridge, Peterborough or Ely.

General Hospital Services are provided by the County Hospital, Huntingdon, and Addenbrookes Hospital, Cambridge.

Maternity Cases are admitted to Primrose Lane Maternity Unit, Huntingdon, or Mill Road Maternity Hospital, Cambridge.

Clinics run by the Family Planning Association are held at the Health Clinic, Nursery Road, Huntingdon, every Wednesday evening 7—8 p.m. and at the Health Clinic, Almond Road, St. Neots, every Tuesday evening 7—8 p.m.

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Housing

1 General

The total number of Council dwellings at 31st December, 1967, was 2,442 representing over 51% of the habitable dwellings in the Borough. The Town Expansion Development had grown by 241 dwellings to a total of 1,628. A conversion of one flat to three flatlets was completed and progress made with plans for 41 dwellings at Ambury Road and 10 at Cambridge Street. Land for some future housing needs was acquired in Godmanchester. Very little progress was made towards the provision of a Warden's Service block of flatlets.

SUMMARY OF REHOUSING AND ALLIED MATTERS

for the 12 months ending 31st December, 1967

2 (i) Borough Housing (as opposed to G.L.C. Nominations)

Total number of applicants listed at January, 1967 134

Total number of applications received during 1967 139

Total number of applicants rehoused in 1967 ... 97

(This figure includes some Slum Clearance families rehoused but not included on the list.)

Borough Sponsored service industry employees rehoused ... 15

Number of applications received for 1968 list ... 103

(ii) 1968 Housing List

1967
Comparable
figures

Total number of applicants invited to re-apply for inclusion on 1968 Housing list ... 172 210

Renewed Applications ... 98 121

No Reply ... 75 76

New Applications received since invitation to renewal ... 11 13

Renewed applicants offered housing December ... 6 —

Total number of applications at 1st January, 1968 ... 103 134

(iii) Analysis of Applications

Applications from Servicemen ... 11 12

Applications from local engaged couples ... 7 11

Applications suitable for bungalows and other small accommodation ... 39 43

Applications suitable for 3- and 4-bedroom ... 46 68

Total ... 103

3 Exchanges

(i) Applications for Local Changes of Accommodation

There are also 88 registrations from persons wishing to change accommodation locally. These applications have all been received since 1st July, 1967. Analysis of main reasons given for requiring exchange accommodation :—

Position or type of House	...	...	19
Require Bungalow. Local	...	...	14
Require Bungalow. Town Expansion			5
Move off the Town Expansion Estate to Huntingdon	...	...	8
Move off the Town Expansion Estate to Godmanchester	...	...	4
Larger Accommodation	...	...	6
Smaller Accommodation	...	...	6
General request for better facilities	...	...	8
Lack of privacy	...	...	2
Nuisance from Swings	...	...	2
Neighbours	...	...	3
Bereavement	...	...	1
Indefinite or complexed reasons	...	...	10

(ii) Mutual Exchanges

1967
Comparable
figures

G.L.C. Nominated Tenants

Tenants exchanged tenancies with tenants in London	...	...	11	12
Tenants exchanged tenancies with tenants in neighbouring local Authorities			4	2
Tenants exchanged tenancies with tenants elsewhere	...	...	3	3
Applications Withdrawn	...	...	8	
Applications Refused	...	...	4	
Applications under consideration	...	...	8	

Borough Nominated Tenants

Tenants exchanged tenancies with tenants in London	...	...	1
Tenants exchanged tenancies with tenants elsewhere	...	...	2

4 Terminations

			<i>Borough Allocation</i>	<i>GLC Allocation</i>	
			<i>Borough Housing.</i>	<i>T/Exp. Housing.</i>	<i>T/Exp. Housing.</i>
Terminations		35	11	87	133
Reason for Termination:					
Decease of Tenant					
or Spouse	6	—	3	9	
Bought Property ...	21	4	25	50	
Rented other accom-					
modation locally ...	4	1	4	9	
Moved to London ...	—	—	15	15	
Moved elsewhere					
outside area	3	3	15	21	
Not known	1	3	25	29	

Total number of New Tenancies offered during the year
(including exchanges) = 502

5 Analysis of Allocations

<i>Town Expansion Houses</i>		<i>New</i>	<i>Relet</i>	<i>Total</i>
G.L.C. Nominated Tenants	116	85	201	
Boro' Nominated Tenants	38	29	67	
Boro' Sponsored Key Workers ...	13	2	15	
<i>Borough Houses</i>		30	30	
Transfer of tenancy (i.e. to widow, etc.)			8	
Local exchanges			26	
Mutual exchanges			20	
(The Borough figures include 18 tenants rehoused from premises closed or subject to Slum Clearance Orders.)				

Slum Clearance

During the year two Clearance Areas were declared involving 7 houses and 1 meeting room, and a decision is awaited from the Ministry.

Two individual houses were also dealt with, but as yet they have not been demolished.

Number of Families rehoused from unfit property ...	18
Number of Persons rehoused from unfit property ...	35
Number of Unfit Dwellings Demolished	14

Improvement Grants

				<i>Discretionary Grants.</i>	<i>No. of Applications. Dwellings.</i>	<i>Standard Grants.</i>
						<i>Applications.</i>
Applications received	...	4	4			9
Applications approved	...	4	4			9
Projects completed during 1967	...	...	...	6	6	8

Houses in Multiple Occupation

There are now no houses in Multiple Occupation. During 1966 there were two houses in Multiple Occupation, but these have since ceased to be classed as such and the houses are now occupied by only one family in each house.

Rent Act 1957

No applications for certificate of dis-repair were received.

Water Samples

All piped supplies are provided by the Nene and Ouse Water Board. All dwelling houses are supplied direct but most of the caravans rely on standpipes.

Samples were taken at various consumer points during the year and were submitted to the Public Health Laboratory for Bacteriological examination.

<i>Samples Taken</i>	<i>Satisfactory Results</i>	<i>Unsatisfactory</i>
27	24	2

One sample taken was discarded by the Laboratory. All results are sent to the Engineer of the Water Board and unsatisfactory samples are repeated.

Sewerage and Sewage Disposal

The Sewage Treatment Works are to be extended but the programming of the work became less urgent with the closing down of Batchelor's factory and the use of the premises by concerns producing little or no trade effluent.

All licenced Caravan Sites are now provided with adequate drainage facilities, so the service for collection of Night Soil was withdrawn during the year.

The Council accept the obligation of emptying cesspits and the services of St. Ives R.D.C. are used for this purpose.

Refuse Disposal and Collection

The Borough Surveyor is responsible for refuse disposal and collection. A weekly collection of household refuse is made to all houses in the district and is disposed of at Buckden tip in the Huntingdon Rural District.

The practise of indiscriminate dumping of unwanted materials continues, but there appears to be some decrease in this practise — but a proper service should still be provided. The Surveyor is limited in the number of calls that can be made to pick up unwanted material.

The practise of collecting refuse from Food Premises in the town centre twice weekly continues, but it is essential that a daily service be provided for those premises in the new shopping precinct.

Rivers and Streams

As usual people continue to use the river for bathing with no apparent ill effects and there were no cases of disease reported.

The increase of fishing and cruising continues and the number of visitors increases annually.

Swimming Pools

The Council's Swimming Pool had its second season and there were no complaints received about the conditions of this pool.

Samples were taken from the Council pool and also from a School training pool and samples were all proved to be satisfactory.

Pest Control

The Council continue to employ a full-time operator and a member of the Maintenance Staff has also received training in Rodent Control and acts as a stand-by during the absence of the full-time operator.

Infestations

There was an increase in the number of premises warranting disinfection. Seven premises were found to have an infestation of bed bugs and one property had a bad infestation of fleas. Three of the houses infested with bed bugs were very clean and well kept houses and there was no evidence to suggest their origin.

The treatment of wasps is not undertaken by the Council but advice is given where assistance has been sought.

Caravan Sites and Control Development Act, 1960

The following sites were licensed at the end of 1967 : —

1. Anchor Cottage — 15 permanent vans and 20 tents/
vans during Summer.
2. Deep Meadow — 22 caravans.
3. Knighton's Caravan Site — 7 caravans.

During the year all of the above sites carried out work to improve amenities. A new site for 7 caravans was opened at Knighton's and is now known as the Poplar Caravan Site. All the sites now comply with the Model Byelaws and all the unlicensed sites have been completely run down.

There are still several individual sites licensed in addition to caravans on exempted sites.

Clean Air Act

There was only one application for prior approval. The Council continue to equip all new Council dwellings with approved appliances capable of burning smokeless fuel.

The Council have not considered making a Smoke Controlled Area in the new areas of development.

Agricultural (Safety, Health and Welfare Provisions) Act, 1956

There are within the Borough 41 occupiers of land exceeding one acre used for agricultural purposes. A few farms have been visited for some other reason but not specifically for the purpose of making an inspection under this Act.

Licensing Act, 1961

Several inspections were carried out but no new premises were referred to the department.

Pet Animals Act, 1951

Two premises are registered for the sale of pets and both premises are in a satisfactory condition.

Noise Abatement Act, 1960

Warnings were again given to Ice Cream mobile traders for sounding chimes after 7 p.m. There were no complaints received by the department.

Rag Flock and Other Filling Materials Act, 1951

No applications were received for registration.

Shops Act, 1950

No action under this Act has been taken other than dealing with enquiries.

Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960

Routine inspections of all food premises are carried out at regular intervals and it has not been necessary to take any formal action against any owner or employee of any food premises within the town. Any action that has been necessary done by informal letter and has resulted in the desired effect.

Factories Act, 1961

Routine inspections have been carried out but no formal action was necessary. See table following Summary of Inspections on page 18

There were no outworkers lists submitted during the year.

Petroleum Acts and Regulations

45 premises are licensed for the storage of petroleum and/or petroleum mixtures and 1 for calcium carbide. All premises were visited.

INSPECTION OF FOOD AND FOOD PREMISES

(a) Ice Cream

There are no ice cream manufacturers in the town. Three premises were registered for the sale of ice cream, making a total of 37 premises.

Regular inspections of travelling ice cream salesmen vehicles were made.

21 samples were purchased and tested under the Ice Cream (Heat Treatment) Regulations. The Public Health Laboratory Service gave the following results :—

Grade 1	...	17	81%
Grade 2	...	4	19%
Grade 3	...	—	—
Grade 4	...	—	—

Where results were below Grade 2 the situation was investigated and further samples taken.

(b) Slaughter Houses

There are no slaughter houses operating in the Borough. Arrangements have been made for butchers to slaughter at St. Ives Abattoir. For a short period officers of this department assisted with inspection of meat at St. Ives Abattoir.

(c) Bakehouses

There are two bakehouses operating. The majority of bread consumed is prepared outside the district. Plans have been submitted for the alteration and improvement of one of the bakehouses in the district.

(d) Food Premises

In addition to the usual shops, supermarkets, hotels, restaurants and canteens, there is a large factory processing dried vegetables and a smaller factory preparing meat pies and other cooked and raw meat products.

(e) Food Inspection

Three complaints were investigated which members of the public had purchased. These included :—

(b) Mouldy Sausage Roll

(a) Decomposing Chicken (c) Mouldy Chicken & Ham Pie

Unfit Foods

Cooked Meat and Meat Products	...	1 cwt.	16 lbs.
Canned Meats	...	1 cwt.	16 lbs.
Fish	...	5 cwt.	101 lbs.
Fruit and Vegetables	...	7 cwt.	16 lbs.
Others	...	1 cwt.	27 lbs.
Frozen Food to the value of £480 14s. 9d.			

All of this food was offered for voluntary surrender by retailers.

SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS

Bakeshouses	25
Butchers' Shops	62
Cafes	59
Factories	32
Verminous Premises	16
Food Inspections	203
Friend Fish Shops	14
Ice Cream Samples	21
Diseases	5
Making up Premises	56
Market	24
Mobile Shops	36
Caravan Sites	36
Moveable Dwellings	23
Place of Public Entertainment	9
Licensed Premises	14
Housing Inspections	124
Petroleum Act	42
Improvement Grant	46
Complaints	39
Reinspections	42
O.S.R.	206
Water Samples	27
Pet Animals Act	4
Miscellaneous	48

(c) Factories Act, 1961

	No. on Register	Inspections	Prose- Notices	cutions
(i) Factories in which section 1 2 3 4 & 6 are enforced by the Local Authority	2	2	Nil	Nil
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ...	79	3	Nil	Nil
(iii) Other premises in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	7	7	Nil	Nil
Cases in which defects were found Section 7, Sanitary conveniences in- sufficient	Found	Remedied		
	Nil	Nil		

(d) Prevention of Damage of Pests Act, 1949

Number of properties inspected as a result of notification ...	168
Number of properties inspected by survey under the Act ...	727
Number of properties inspected primarily for other purposes (approx.)	1346
Number of properties inspected infested with rats	229
Number of properties inspected infested with mice	74
Number of properties treated by Local Authority	286

Table A

Registrations
and General
Inspections

(d) Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963

(1) Class of premises TOTALS	(2) Number of premises registered during the year	(3) Total number of registered premises at end of year	(4) Number of registered premises receiving a general inspection during the year
Offices	—	56	18
Retail Shops	—	55	12
Wholesale shops, warehouses	—	5	1
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	—	5	5
Fuel storage depots	—	—	—

Table B Number of visits of all kinds by inspectors to registered premises = 206.

Table C

Analysis of Persons
employed in
registered premises
by workplace.

(1) Class of workplace	(2) Number of persons employed		
	M	F	Total
Offices	111	210	321
Retail shops	158	215	373
Wholesale departments, ware- houses	62	3	65
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	30	38	68
Fuel storage depots	—	—	—
Total ... ..	...	...	827
Total Males ... ..	...	...	361
Total Females ... ..	...	...	466

GENERAL

This has been another comparatively progressive year without undue problems in the public health sphere although by the end of the year the Town Expansion Housing Scheme was giving cause for concern owing to the growing number of empty houses and lack of incoming industry. Houses were taken over for General Needs purposes in advance of the agreed programme resulting in a comparatively short waiting period for local applicants in need of family type accommodation.

The Caravan problem has been overcome and the three licensed sites now give adequate facilities for those persons wishing to reside in moveable dwellings. Some facility for the truly mobile caravan dweller might be of service. The only site catering for such needs is not available for travellers with children.

Efforts to stimulate a deeper interest and understanding of the practise of and need for hygiene in food handling continued. A course leading to the Royal Society of Health's examination for the Certificate in Hygiene of Food Retailing and Catering was commenced at the local Technical College.

C. W. PARCELL,
Chief Public Health Inspector.

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Table D

Exemptions :	Part i	Space	= Nil
	Part ii	Temperature	= Nil
	Part iii	Sanitary Conveniences	= 1
	Part vi	Washing Facilities	= Nil

Table E

Prosecutions	Nil
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Table F

No. of inspectors appointed under section 52 (1) of the Act	= 2
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Statistics of Accidents reported to enforcing Authority : —

1st Quarter	—	Nil
2nd Quarter	—	Nil
3rd Quarter	—	Nil
4th Quarter	—	Nil

